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In re the Application of

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For: ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE FOR FUEL CELL OPERABLE IN MEDIUM

TEMPERATURE RANGE, FUEL CELL USING THE SAME, AND MANUFACTURING

METHODS THEREFOR

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired <u>December 12, 2006</u>, an extension of time for a period of <u>two</u> month is hereby requested.

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